



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 24, 2000

**H.R. 4320
Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000**

As cleared by the Congress on October 19, 2000

H.R. 4320 would establish a new fund to support the conservation of great apes (gorillas, orangutans, and others). The act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to use amounts in the new fund to finance eligible conservation efforts, which may include specific projects such as research and education as well as ongoing activities such as law enforcement. For this purpose, H.R. 4320 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million annually over the 2001-2005 period. Also, the Secretary would be authorized to accept and use funds donated for conservation purposes without further appropriation.

Enacting H.R. 4320 would affect both revenues and direct spending by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to accept and use donations. CBO estimates that this provision would increase federal receipts by less than \$500,000 annually once the conservation program has been established. Because these receipts would be offset by additional direct spending, the net impact of this provision on the federal budget would be negligible in each year.

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